

House Study Bill 7 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON MEYER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the number of children receiving child care
2 at any one time in a child care home.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 237A.1, subsections 6 and 7, Code 2021,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 6. "*Child care home*" means a person or program providing
4 child care to ~~five or fewer~~ any of the following children at
5 any one time that is not registered to provide child care under
6 this chapter, as authorized under [section 237A.3](#):-

7 a. Five or fewer children.

8 b. Six or fewer children, if at least one of the children
9 is school-aged.

10 c. Seven or fewer children, if at least two of the children
11 are school-aged.

12 7. "*Child development home*" means a person or program
13 registered under [section 237A.3A](#) that may provide child care to
14 ~~six~~ eight or more children at any one time.

15 Sec. 2. Section 237A.1, Code 2021, is amended by adding the
16 following new subsection:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 15A. "*School-age*" or "*school-aged*" means
18 a child who is older than four years of age but younger than
19 fourteen years of age.

20 Sec. 3. Section 237A.3, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 1. A person or program providing child care to ~~five children~~
23 ~~or fewer at any one time is a~~ in a child care home ~~provider and~~
24 is not required to register under [section 237A.3A](#) as a child
25 development home. However, the person or program may register
26 as a child development home.

27 EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This bill relates to the number of children receiving child
31 care at any one time in a child care home.

32 The bill creates a definition of "*school-age*" or
33 "*school-aged*" to mean a child older than 4 years of age but
34 younger than 14 years of age.

35 The bill allows a person or program providing child care

1 in a child care home to care for the following number of
2 children at any one time: five or fewer children; six or fewer
3 children, if at least one of the children is school-aged;
4 or seven or fewer children, if at least two of the children
5 are school-aged. Current law requires a child care home to
6 register as a child development home if the child care home
7 provides child care to more than five children at any one time.
8 The bill makes a conforming change to the definition of
9 "child development home".